

Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2023

Zoom Meeting

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Judge Amber Mettler, Chair

Steve Johnson

Monte Sleight

Jacqueline Morrison

Carolynn Clark

Leslie Staples

Matthew Page

Tonya Wright

Staff: A.J. Torres and Scotti Hill, Utah State Bar

Chairperson Judge Amber Mettler called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. Action— Approval of the draft meeting minutes: *(Judge Mettler)*

Judge Mettler asked for approval of the minutes from December 20, 2022.

Steve suggests the following amendment to the December 20, 2022, minutes:

The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.

This should be changed to reflect “January 17, 2023.”

Steve motioned to approve, Monte seconded, the motion carried.

2. LPPs on current casework and projects. *(Tonya, Leslie)*

LPPs are still quite busy. Tonya says she had her first case management conference in the First District, she was allowed to speak in front of the commissioner.

3. Innovation subcommittee *(Tonya, AJ, Carolynn, Monte, Jacqueline, Scotti)*

Tonya and Scotti discussed clarification to whether LPPs can assist in small claims court. The Bar’s General Counsel is adding this to her list.

4. Update from the Bar *(AJ, Matt, Scotti)*

Matt Page updated the committee on the traffic to Licensed Lawyer, the Bar’s referral service, for LPPs. In January there were (1245); February (986).

AJ to speak to Nathanael Player and Commissioner Sagers about getting LPPs involved with various efforts.

4 LPPs taking March exam.

5. Rural outreach (*Steve Johnson*)

No update.

6. Other outreach efforts (*Monte*)

Outreach for SLCC, Sandy convention center

7. Rule change for open and public meetings, Rule 11-107 (open and public meetings)

We need to post-meeting schedule and minutes as per this rule.

8. Summary for Rule change for 14-802

Quite a bit of pushback on the word “drafting” in our proposed rule.

We have been contemplating removing the forms, and that is at least Judge Mettler’s reading is that this if not necessarily a possibility.

No issue with LPPs using their own forms as long as there’s substantial compliance.

The word “preparing” was chosen instead of “drafting.”

Still quite tied to the forms, the Court does not have the appetite to rid ourselves of the forms.

9. Recruiting new members

Monte to ask Sue Crismon for recommendations.

Matt Page has a contact from his Master of Legal Studies program who would be interested.

10. Old/new business

Have we had any MLS applicants seek licensure for LPP?

Foreign law degrees as path from LPPs?